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Applicants: Ming C. HAO et al.

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Filed: 10/17/2001

For: A Method For Placement
Of Data For Visualization
Of Multidimensional Data
Sets Using Multiple Pixel
Bar Charts§
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Confirmation No.: 7017

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Sir:

In response to the Decision on Appeal mailed March 31, 2005, please enter this Preliminary Amendment and corresponding Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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